THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) One case of a forged PAN card came to the notice of Income Tax Department during last one year.

(b) The case of forged PAN card was brought to the notice of the Income Tax Department by Police Station, Connaught Place, New Delhi in January, 2007. This forged card was in the name of Vanay Kumar.

(c) The Income Tax Department has requested the Police Authorities to take necessary action in the matter.

Reduction in allocation for agriculture

1568. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a growth of around 12 per cent in total Union Government expenditure, between 2003-04 till 2006-07, alongwith reduction in the allocations for agriculture and allied activities as a proportion of total Union Government Expenditure, to the tune of 20 per cent; and

(b) what will be the implications of such apathy of the Central Government towards agriculture and allied activities in view of the precarious conditions of the State finances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Total Central Plan Outlay for Ministry of Agriculture (Departments of Agriculture and Cooperation, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and Agriculture Research and Education) increased at an average annual rate of 28.8 per cent from Rs. 3242 crore in 2003-04 (BE) to Rs. 6927 crore in 2006-07 (BE). Total Central Plan Outlay of Government of India increased at an average annual rate of 19.8 per cent from Rs. 147,893 crore in 2003-04 (BE) to Rs. 254,041 crore in 2006-07 (BE).

Asian Development Bank aided projects

1569. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ADB is aiding India;